

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are pending. Claim 5 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 6 are currently amended. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

§ 112 Rejections

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. According to the Examiner, in original claims 1 and 6, it was unclear whether the limitations in parentheses were required by the claims.

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to rephrase the parenthetical expression. Specifically, claims 1 and 6 provide, in part, acrylic release agent precursors. After irradiation with ultraviolet radiation, the precursor has a contact angle of 15° or more to a mixed solution of methanol and water. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to clarify that the methanol and water are present in this mixed solution at a 90/10 volume ratio and the solution has a wetting tension of 25.4 N/m.

Support for these clarifying amendments can be found at, e.g., page 11, lines 11-18 and claims 1 and 6 as originally filed.

In summary, Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-10 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, has been overcome, and requests that the rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested. Allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-10 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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